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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference – Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Future Perspectives

You are requested to form a DSB Task Force to review the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the many DSB study initiatives undertaken since approximately 2000. Over the past several years, the Board has undertaken tens of studies for the Department of Defense. DSB has helped: develop a refined set of views about our future national security; plan the course of DoD capabilities; and introduce a host of specific recommendations for the Department, many of which have been or are being implemented. A report summarizing and integrating this important body of work would be extremely useful as we address the many demanding challenges that lie ahead.

The Task Force should provide the Department with its evaluation and recommendations in a final report by October 31. The study will be sponsored by me as the Under Secretary for Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. Dr. Craig Fields will serve as the Task Force Chairman. Mr. Brian Hughes will serve as the Executive Secretary, and Commander Cliff Phillips, USN, will serve as the DSB representative.

The Task Force will be operated in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," and DoD Directive 5105.4, "The DoD Federal Advisory Committee Management Program." It is not anticipated that this Task Force will need to go into any "particular matters" within the meaning of title 18, U.S. Code, section 208, nor will it cause any member to be placed in the position of acting as a procurement official.

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